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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Staff and Division Chiefs

SUBJECT: Audio Countermeasures Briefing for
Chiefs of Stations and Chiefs of Bases

1. The threat of hostile audio surveillance against our installations overseas is a matter of continuing concern. Discoveries in U. S. installations abroad have been made as recently as February 1958 indicating that such activity is an important tool of opposition services.

2. As you are aware, the Agency has embarked on a program designed to afford each station periodic technical inspections in an effort to protect these stations against audio penetration. While this should give us additional protection, it is also believed necessary to alert key personnel overseas to the threat of audio surveillance and our efforts to control potential penetration.

3. With this in mind, a briefing program has been approved for outgoing Chiefs of Stations, Chiefs of Bases, and one or two senior operations officers (depending upon the size of the station) regarding the hostile audio threat and action that can be taken to counter it. The briefings by the Office of Security will require approximately two hours and will be held in [REDACTED]. The time will be utilized to demonstrate common positive audio devices and possible countermeasures. These briefings will be both informative and interesting and will result in a better understanding of the counter audio problem by those in attendance.

4. Present plans are to initiate this program on 1 July 1958. Mr. [REDACTED] of the CI Staff will arrange the briefing schedule.

5. It is urged that all Chiefs of Stations, Chiefs of Bases, and the selected senior operations personnel departing for overseas attend the briefings.

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